IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Matran In re Application of

EIPEL et al.

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Examiner: Alexander

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For:

SOLID SUPPORTS FOR ANALYTICAL MEASUREMENT METHODS, THEIR

PRODUCTION AND THEIR USE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.103(c)

Sir:

On behalf of applicants, the undersigned hereby petitions for suspension of action in the above-identified application for a period of three (3) months to provide time for applicants to prepare arguments and to conduct experiments to further prosecute the application.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0345. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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